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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist

SUBJECT: Site Inspection, Diamond K Gypsum, DKG Quarry, M/015/041, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 7, 2003

Time of Inspection: about 2:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Conditions: Mostly cloudy, 90's

Participants: Clint Henry, Diamond K; Doug Jensen, Wayne Hedberg, Joelle Burns, and Paul Baker (DOGM)

Purpose of Inspection:

The operator recently received approval to open a new area, and I wanted to be sure things were being done properly. Specifically, I wanted to ensure the operator had salvaged topsoil and had not disturbed more area than allowed in the approval.

Observations:

The operator had stripped soil and overburden from the area to be mined (part of the area is shown in Photo 1), and this area corresponds closely with the area shown on the map submitted with the recent amendment. On the hillsides, the operator left berms to help keep runoff from the mine out of the natural drainages (Photo 2). Photo 3 is either a soil or an overburden stockpile (I believe it is soil).

Conclusions and Recommendations:

I have no recommendations or concerns about how the operation is being conducted. The operator has been conscientious about protecting soil, water, and other resources.

A condition on approval of the recent amendment was that certain reclaimed areas be reseeded this fall. I will put together a letter with recommendations for accomplishing this.

cc: Karen Palmer, Diamond K
Dean Nyffeler, Price BLM

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs

M/015/041, DKG Gypsum Mine, Diamond K Gypsum

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Photo 1. Part of the area from which overburden and soil have been stripped.



Photo 3. A pile of either topsoil or overburden.



Photo 2. The lower left portion of this photo shows the berm that was left to keep runoff from getting to the natural drainage below.